

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
RESERVE TRAINING CENTER  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE  
COMMANDING OFFICER

TO OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL CLASS 1-66

Gentlemen:

You have accepted an office in the Armed Forces of the United States, more specifically in the United States Coast Guard. You have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. You are obligated without reservation to that task.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, while speaking to the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy in 1962, said:

"Duty, Honor, Country: those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be."

These three words, Duty - Honor - Country, also apply to you and should be your guidance not only because you are a commissioned officer but also because you are a citizen of the United States.

Soon you will be given responsibility for performance of certain tasks; likewise, you will be given commensurate authority. Authority and responsibility will be found together. As a caution, remember in your relationships with personnel that for every degree of authority that you will have over another, there will be a corresponding degree of responsibility that you will have for that same person.

I am proud to have had a part in your preparation to enter the Commissioned Corps of the United States Coast Guard.

Good luck and good sailing!

  
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